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The President's reaction to the AP story, which follows at the end of this message, is:

1. You should see Thieu promptly and go over it with him.

2. You should point out that it is impossible for the U. S. Government to consult in confidence and security if the South Vietnamese Government is going to conduct the discussions with us via the press.

3. It is essential that, as we work out our understandings, we do so strictly between governments through established channels.

The following dispatch is a real danger to our relations and our ability to move towards our agreed joint objectives.

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By lrp, NARA, Date 1-6-93

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